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1. The political orientation of the Bulgarian populations is largely influenced by the precarious economic situation. Antipathies toward the present form of government exist in various strata of the population. However, as time goes by and the older generations disappear, the youth no longer hear comparisons made with other times, and readily subject themselves to what is imposed on them and consider this a normal way of life. In fact there are young children who ate chocolate for the first time when they were 10 years old and believed it to be a product created by the Communists.
2. Aspirations are directed toward the old institutions, without the monarchy, however. Old and middle-aged people still hold a happy memory of King Boris but have no esteem for the monarchical ministers.
3. Feelings against the government are very strong in the country, and as a result, the government has been forced to review and modify certain measures in order to attempt to diminish the ill will it has caused.
4. With regard to agricultural cooperatives, here too the government has had to resort to helping the "Kolkhoz" by various methods in order to avoid a serious failure of the entire cooperative system. In fact in 1953, an incentive was given to cattle breeding and there was a decrease in taxes. Veterinary aid was given gratuitously, and artificial insemination centers were established.
5. In order to diminish the burden of manual labor, efforts were made toward increasing agricultural mechanization, and in this connection the press gave wide publicity to the start of the construction in southern Bulgaria of an establishment for the production of agricultural equipment and machinery.
6. Furthermore, when the farmer or the cooperative have given the specified quotas to the State collecting centers, they may sell in the free market what is left over.
7. All these measures are no more than an effort to remedy what has become a difficult situation among farmers. It is too soon to estimate whether these

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measures have succeeded in gaining the sympathies of the farmers.

8. General workers, although they are the category of people who are the most helped and considered by the government are not in sympathy with the regime in power. The low pay is the reason for such sentiments. The government has taken great care to give aid to the worker, such as factory mess halls at moderate prices, people's houses, childrens nurseries, etc. However, the worker would like to have some money left over for relaxation and doesn't want to work for bread alone.
9. In order to keep the family going, women are also forced to find jobs in factories and in offices. It is possible that the government purposely keeps wages low for when a man receives little pay, his wife must also find employment and it follows that children from their very first years must be entrusted to nursery homes or youth organizations of the Communist Party. Thus they are withdrawn from the family influence and educated to become excellent Communists. In this manner the State succeeds in destroying progressively the spiritual and material affective cohesion of the family, all of which brings about a materialistic view of life.
10. Furthermore, the children, returning from the nursery homes or from youth organizations where they have spent the whole day and in general have been fairly well treated to spend a few hours with their family in an atmosphere which is sad and poor, tend to show greater affection for the organizations in which they have played, eaten, and been entertained, rather than toward their parents. This break up of the family is one of the objectives aimed at by the government and in most cases achieved with the result being an individual who lacks personality and can be moulded slowly, particularly with regard to the new generations, as is desired. Thus without using any violence, the same desired results are obtained. In synthesis, the aim is to destroy all that is traditional in order to remake according to the new dogmas.

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